



The Eagle

February 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
3220 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio
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Letter from the Associate Pastor

Dear Disciples of Jesus,

John 3:16 May be the most famous, most well known and most loved verse in the Bible. If a person knows just one verse, most likely it is this one. Often, it's the first verse children learn at an early age.

How do we know someone loves us? They say those three magic words: "I Love You", and our heart explodes with joy when we hear it whispered in our ear. But these words alone are not the only reason we know someone loves us.



I remember one time when our girls were small, Jeff asked them how they knew their mama loved them. Now, I tell them I love them every day, but when they were asked, they didn't say, "Because she says so." Without fail, they would answer with something I had done that was a demonstration of my love for them.

You and I can be confident that God loves us, not simply because we hear these words, but because we see the demonstration of his love. We see the sacrifice of something far more precious than anything we ourselves could give. The gift of love that God gave was his only Son. He offered something very dear to him, something he cared deeply about, that you and I might be saved.

Salvation is the gift we receive because of his gift of Jesus. Salvation is free, but certainly not cheap. It cost us nothing, but it cost the Son of God his very life. God willingly gave this gift as a demonstration of his love, and it was on display for the entire world.

This text from John 3:16 is not about how loving we are, but about how generous the love of God is. God loved us before we were saved. He acted in love, that we might be saved. He loved us first in order that we in turn might love.

My friends, during this time post-holiday, as we continue to celebrate the birth of our Savior, remember the gift, the sacrifice made in tremendous love, that you and I might have eternal life in Him.

Looking forward in Faith.

Pastor Patti

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**Church Office hours are
Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.**

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Officers: Neva Warren, President; Aaron Clark, Vice President; Karen Bentley, Secretary; Dan Yeater, Treasurer.

Members-At-Large: Debbie Abbitt, Warren Althoff, Wayne Beavers, Shirley Blake, Doug Cress, Michael Grimm, Fred Previts.



OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

Stanley Pifer, who died December 14, 2021

Curtis Dale Endter, who passed away the morning of
December 23, 2021

Carolyn Kenfield, mother in law to Joe Brubaker
and grandmother to Abby Brubaker,
who died December 24, 2021

Annette Utzinger, who passed away
December 29, 2021

Gail Turnbull, who died January 1, 2022

Joseph Biggs, brother of George Biggs, who died
January 1, 2022

Bernice Chaddock, who passed away January 5, 2022

Sandy Hayes, who died January 5, 2022

Paula Ames, who passed away January 9, 2022

Alice Sweeley, who passed away January 9, 2022

***All who mourn are in our
thoughts and prayers.***



**The deadline for the MARCH Eagle is
FEBRUARY 10TH.**

Email announcements & articles to
secretary@stjohnsgc.org
or leave a handwritten copy in the church office.

Sarah Circle
Contact Vi Davis
614-875-2605

Here's a spiritual growth goal: join a Circle of friends. Joining our Circles is an easy way to make new friends and grow spiritually!

Both Circles have evening meeting times.
Contact the leaders listed for information.

Elizabeth
Circle Contact
Sherry Nighbert
614-581-1436



"Thank you for your prayers, my Prayer Warriors! I haven't felt this good in 18 months. Please pray the cancer is shrinking with new treatment. Love you all!!! Your sister in Christ," ~ Rita Lang

"Dear St. John's family, Rob and I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for all the love and support we received during my illness and ongoing recovery. Your prayers and love are felt deeply, and we are so appreciative. May God continue to bless each and every one of you as He has blessed us. In Christ," ~ Rob and Nannette Shea.

"I would like to thank all who helped with the gift bag and poinsettia that was delivered to me December 19th. With sincere appreciation," ~ Marilyn Wright.

"Thank you for the poinsettia and gifts. They are greatly appreciated." ~ Patricia L. Marie.

"A Special thank you to Wilma Phillips and the Prayer Shawl ladies for the beautiful prayer shawls given for my brother, John Knore's family." ~ Pam Castle.

"Thank you for the gift and flowers delivered today. The personal touch so much appreciated. Warmly," ~ Mary Smith.

"Thank you so much for the poinsettia, gift, and bag of assorted surprises delivered by Ginny Bent, which was very special. I pray that all stay safe and healthy as the new year rolls in. God's peace" ~ Jan Evans

"I would like to thank the homebound ministry for the lovely flower and gift bag, and the nice cards I have been receiving. Thanks again," ~ Beulah Leonard.

"Dear St. John's, thank you so much for the gift bag and poinsettia that was delivered to me. Thanks to everyone who put them together and delivered them. Very thoughtful and appreciated. Love," ~ Nancy Kinman.

SIGN UP TO JOIN THE MEXICO MISSION FAMILY—2022!

Do you have a heart for the children of Mexico
and sharing the Good News with our brothers and sisters in Christ?

**Mission dates are
July 22nd through August 1st, 2022.**



SUCCESSFUL COOKIE SALE!

We would like to thank all the bakers and buyers of St. John's along with the community who made the cookie sale a great success in 2021! We were able to raise \$1,094.25 for our Kitchen Fund! A special "Thank You" to Keith Stenerson for putting the cookie sign outside for us and to Amie Allman, Dylan Allman, Taylor Allman, Karen Colwell, Susan Koehler, Wilma Phillips, Larry Sutton, and Cheryl Thompson who helped with the cookie sale! We would like to also thank those who gave a monetary donation for our sale. Together we had a wonderful time and thank you all for supporting this ministry. Look for us again in 2022!



In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: **"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."**

Since then, over \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

We will be collecting monies (cash and checks) for Souper Bowl of Caring on Feb. 13th and 14th at all the worship services. Your cash donations will be used to purchase and deliver food to the Grove City Food Pantry. Checks made out to "St. John's Lutheran" will be deposited and one check sent to the LSS Food Pantry. Please note in the check memo: *Souper Bowl of Caring*

The NALC is promoting the month of February as "Serving in Love" month. The Souper Bowl of Caring project will be our participation in Serving in Love. Congregations across America will be doing Souper Bowl of Caring. This year, we collect monies knowing we're doing it as the same time as other NALC churches. We think this is awesome. Tackling hunger together!

Please consider giving to the hungry individuals and families in our community. Thank you! ~ Blake Lang

CHURCH HISTORY TEAM PLANNING

We want to hold off on the start up of the Church History team. Due to the up turn of Covid and it's variants. Once it is safer to meet as a group we will get started.

Before



After



ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE

It has been brought to our attention that a number of gravestones in the church cemetery were in need of major and minor repair work. Work has begun, and many of the stones have been dug up and reset, and several had the old bases removed completely with new bases poured.

Once Spring arrives, repairs and cleaning will continue. Some of the large stones that need new bases poured and straightened may need to be completed by a different company because of the size and weight of the monuments, requiring specialized equipment. More information will be available as the time approaches.



Congratulations to Christopher and Arlene Hamilton on the baptism of their daughter, **Veronica Ann Louise Hamilton**, on Sunday, January 16th, 2022, during the 11:00am traditional service.



Congratulations to Nick & Megan Grossman on the birth of their daughter! **Hannah Margret Grossman** was born on January 9, 2022. Hannah is welcomed home by sisters Emma and Abigail.



MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Carl Kinman** by Carol Rich.
Given in memory of **Denise Corkwell** by Carol Rich; Beryl Spangler; and Patricia Walters
Given in memory of **Gail Turnbull** by Carol Rich; Raymond and Karen Bentley.
Given in memory of **Annette Utzinger** by Carol Rich.
Given in memory of **Thelma, Allen, Larry, and Robert Grossman** by Janis Stein.

Youth Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Gail Turnbull** by John and Judy Lechner
Given in memory of **Denise Corkwell** by Beth Katterhenrich.

Memorial Fund, Handbells

Given in memory of **Bernice Chaddock** by Joyce Schoch.

Bed Brigade

Given in honor of the wedding of **David and Barbara Sweeley** by Wilma Phillips.

CHURCH USE REMINDERS



- ◇ If you use the coffee maker, please make sure you turn it off when you are finished.
- ◇ If you use the dish washer, please be sure you turn the 2 units off when you are finished.
- ◇ If you have an on site meeting , please turn off the lights in the room when your meeting is over.
- ◇ If you are the only group in the complex. Make sure you lock the link doors from the inside once all of your group has come in. We don't want anyone coming in the building and hiding until your group leaves.
- ◇ If it is dark when your meeting is over, please leave in groups of two or more and make sure everyone gets their car started and leaves.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Please join us for the next meetings
Tuesday, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 at 7pm
and on
Saturday, FEBRUARY 12, 2021 at 9am

We are happy to teach anyone interested how to knit or crochet. For more information call
Glenda Allman at 614-352-5955 or
Diana Imbrock at 614-271-5775.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE BLESSED BY RECEIVING A PRAYER SHAWL?

Please call Nancy Kinman at 614-875-8155.

*Prayer Shawl
Ministry*



SCRIP GIFT CARDS: Place your order by the first Tuesday of the month and within the week receive gift cards that you can use at hundreds of retail stores and restaurants.

Contact Gary Pecuch
at 614-620-2659.
Be sure to talk to
Pam Wittenberg about other
ways you can receive SCRIP.

Connect your KROGER card with the COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM.

Go to [https://www.kroger.com/
communityrewards](https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards).

Our organization number is
EY530. Shop at Kroger and a
percentage comes back to the
youth at St. John's! *Thank you!*

AMAZONSMILE:

Link your Amazon account
through AmazonSmile for
St. John's youth program to
receive .05% of your selected
Amazon purchases.

To set up AmazonSmile, simply
activate AmazonSmile in the
Amazon app on your phone, or
go to smile.amazon.com on your
web browser.

GIVING TO ST. JOHN'S

We are very grateful for your generous and continued financial support of our ministries!

How to give to St. John's:

1. Give during worship services.
2. Mail your offering to the church – 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio 43123.
3. Send through your financial institution – they will send a check directly to the church on your behalf.
4. Visit St. John's website – www.stjohnsgc.org. Online giving is available through Vanco Services, and we have partnered with them for more than 20 years. It is secure and safe.
5. Through the Vanco Mobile (formerly GivePlus) app available from Apple or Google – again a partnership between the church and Vanco Services. Set up a profile one time, and set up a recurring gift, or give when you want to. Once your profile is set up, giving is a one-touch process.



QUILTERS—FEBRUARY, 2022 EAGLE



Quilters

The Quilters' main emphasis is trying to add bit of happiness for children and adults through acts of concern and understanding. To meet this emphasis, we make quilts, prepare used stamps for two veterans' hospitals, and make and fill 100 Christmas bags for needy children.

The Quilters truly appreciate those who bought quilts and showed an interest in our ministry at our quilt sale. We made \$478. The proceeds are divided among ten ministries such as Adopt-A-Family, Bed Brigade, LSS and Grove City food pantries, VBS and the youth missions. Also, we donated quilts to the Bed Brigade, and to Haven of Hope CCCU on Whitethorne Avenue in Columbus, Ohio. Thank you again for supporting our ministry, and we hope our Lutheran quilts help you stay warm this winter!

The Quilters request you take your used clothing donations to any Grove City charity. The Quilters no longer accept used clothing.

The Quilters have the material and help if you are interested in making a quilt at home for the Bed Brigade or another charity. Call the church to set up an appointment with a quilter.

We meet every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm in rooms 103-104. Come, visit, and stay as long as you wish. Bring a sack lunch if you are staying during lunchtime. All materials are provided.

"In big ways and small ways, kindness always makes the world a better place." ~ Anonymous

OWLS EVENT—FEBRUARY 18, 2022



The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) are excited to invite you to come to our February meeting and meet the new Director of the Grove City Library, Meredith Wickham. The library is not just books but many activities for people of all ages. Come and hear what the library has to offer you personally and a chance to meet Meredith.

Did you know Southwest Public Libraries serve 127 square miles in Franklin County, more than 23% of the county's total land area, plus one square mile in Pickaway County?

Did you know SPL is the second largest library system in Franklin County? Over the past decade, the service population has grown by more than 40,000, now exceeding 130,000.

The Outreach Department staff assemble collections according to specific reading interests and requests of their customers. They deliver and pick up collections on a monthly basis to the elderly, handicapped or disabled that don't have form of transportation and have no family member or caregiver to bring materials to them.

The potluck is back!! OWLS will provide fried chicken and meat loaf. Bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. We ask you to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon insert in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES!

PARENTING RESOURCE: AXIS

It's a website with parent guides, conversations kits, expert videos, and excellent materials on parenting youth in today's culture. If you'd like to be on our monthly AXIS email list, please contact Diana Imbrock or Laurie Pecuch. If you're a parent, grandparent, or someone who faith webs with our youth...this is a very helpful resource!

JOIN US AT CONNECT!

Connect meets weekly on Thursday, 6pm – 7:15pm. Children, ages 4 through grade 6 are invited to join us. Grades 7—12 are invited to be leaders. Plus we have an awesome group of trained adult leaders! The greeter's table will open at 5:40pm. If you have any questions, talk to Laurie. Her number is 614-620-2669. We have lots of fun, faith-filled things planned for each age group! *Please note that any Thursday that SWCS cancels school due to bad weather that we will also not meet that night.*

MIDDLE SCHOOL CATECHISM

Last month students had two learning events, Holy Communion and Lord's Prayer. We continue to "TROT" through the Bible with New Testament lessons. Service Event Sign-ups are in the classroom. Parents, please check your weekly email from Gary for latest catechism updates.

HIGH SCHOOL

IQA Bible Study is continuing its study in the book of Hebrews. See Diana for the virtual GoToMeeting number. High school through adults are welcome to join. **SUNDAY SCHOOL** continues to meet on Sunday mornings. **GLOW** meets the first Saturday of the month, 6:30—9pm. The next one is February 5th.

ACOLYTES

We have a faithful group of students who acolyte. If you would like to join the Acolyte List, see Laurie Pecuch. Videos will be made available soon on how-to acolyte.

Be sure to join these great opportunities too!

- **Sunday School** (for all ages) meets 9:30am to 10:30am on Sundays. Contact Tim Allman for more details.
- **Children's Church** meets on Sunday mornings during the sermon time of Contemporary Worship. Contact Jenn Czaplicki for more details.




**A NEW PARENTING GROUP
STARTS ON FEB. 6th!**

"Parenting in the 21st Century with Andy Stanley" is a video series that gives solid, foundational, and biblically based parenting advice. We will be viewing this video series and spending time encouraging one another in parenting. We hope you can join us! The group will meet on Sundays, 9:30am -10:30am, in rooms 103-104. As soon as you get your child or teenager to their prospective Sunday School classes, please join us! Need more details? Talk to group facilitator Amy Wanner at 614-305-7068.

Legacy of Love
By Ada Weygandt

Our legacy of love,
Inherited from God above,
And shared with the saints in heaven,
Falls like dew upon his children.
In a love that is ours to share
Uniting us in prayer,
Lifting up each other,
Father, mother, sister, and brother.

Love that never grows cold,
Purified like gold,
Love that has no end,
Steadfast and tender.
Remaining in our hearts,
Even though we must part,
And, like the saints of old above,
Leaving our own legacy of love.

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